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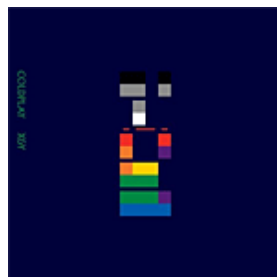
Coldplay

CD: *X&Y*

Song: "White Shadows"

Label: Capitol

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This follow-up to Coldplay's hugely successful 2002 release *A Rush of Blood to the Head*, is one of the Summer's most anticipated releases. The British rock band breaks no new ground on this latest CD, but the group's formula for shimmering, comfortable pop will likely make *X & Y* one of the year's most popular albums.

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Kasabian

CD: *Kasabian*

Song: "Running Battle"

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Kasabian are from Leicester, England. On their debut release, they mix processed drum beats and electronics with trippy, psychedelic rock. The band got its name from Linda Kasabian, the getaway driver for Charles Manson who later turned state's witness.

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Midival Punditz

CD: *Midival Times*

Song: "Saathi"

Label: Six Degrees

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Based in New Dehli, Midival Punditz are Gaurav Raina and Tapan Raj, two long-time friends and producers involved in India's contemporary music scene. Their sound is a blend of high-tech electronica and traditional Indian rhythms.

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Madredeus

CD: *Faluas do Tejo*

Song: "Na Estrada De Santiago"

Label: Blue Note

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Madredeus is a Portuguese acoustic group known largely for the angelic voice of lead singer Teresa Salgueiro. The band's gorgeous melodies and meditative rhythms mix ambient electronica with European folk and traditional Portuguese fado.

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Pearls Before Swine

CD: *The Complete ESP-Disk Recordings*

Song: "Drop Out!"

Label: ESP-Disk

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Pearls Before Swine was a ground-breaking folk group that had a short but popular run in late '60s. The group was mostly the work of musician Tom Rapp. Rapp formed Pearls Before Swine in 1965, released a half a dozen critically-acclaimed albums, then went solo in 1971. Rapp often has credit for the music